

HIGHTSTOWN BOROUGH AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Hightstown Borough is 1.2 square miles and is entirely surrounded by East Windsor Township. One of the earliest settled communities in New Jersey, Hightstown derived its name from the Haight family, but was confused as "Hidestown", "Icetown", or "Night Town" during the Revolutionary War. The Peddie School, founded in 1851, is still thriving and is Hightstown's most popular landmark. Hightstown was incorporated in 1853.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	5,216
1990 (Census)	5,126
2025 Forecast	5,220
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	4,347
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	3,992
Black	444
Asian & Other	780
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	1,046
Median Age, 2000	35.5
Total Households, 2000	2,001
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.60
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$64,299
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$19,448
1999	\$28,605

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	2,151
2000 (Census)	2,081
Occupied, 2000	2,001
Owner	1,200
Renter	801
Vacant, 2000	80
Single-Family, 2000	1,227
Multi-Family, 2000	854
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	11

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$212,366,003
County Equalization Ratio	85.79%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	4.46

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

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EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	4,136
Private Sector Employment	
1980	2,914
1990	2,746

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

Coca-Cola Foods
Peddie School
Cricket Converters
Minute Maid (CCL Label)

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, East Windsor Regional Schools	
Grades 9-12, East Windsor-Hightstown High School	
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000	4,304
(East Windsor and Hightstown combined)	

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Borough Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: Hightstown Borough Water Department
Sewer: Borough of Hightstown

RECREATION

Dawes Park
Grant Street Park